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NOTE: On 13 April 1965 Mr. Echols hand-carried the nomination papers on Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Helms to DDCI for signature - DD/S will receive copies of the outgoing correspondence.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. On Friday afternoon, 2 April, at my request, I met with the Honorable Robert Murphy to discuss submission of CIA nominations for the Rockefeller Foundation Public Service Awards. I explained to Mr. Murphy that for the past several years we had submitted the names of Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Helms with the understanding that Mr. Kirkpatrick would be considered under the Management-Executive category and that Mr. Helms would be considered under the International Relations-Foreign Affairs category. I told him that while we had been unsuccessful in gaining a position, we had in each instance been informed by the Secretary, Mr. van de Velde, that our candidates had stood very high and that we should re-submit them for the following year. I told him that in 1964, after Mr. Kirkpatrick had won the President's Award for Distinguished Civilian Service, I had withdrawn his name and asked that the Selection Committee concentrate entirely on Mr. Helms, but that Mr. Helms was still not selected. Mr. Murphy made it quite clear that there was no connection between the two and that we could submit as many nominations as we wished -- they were not in any way competitive and each was considered on its own merits regardless of agency or other nominations from such agency. Mr. Murphy suggested that it would be perfectly appropriate to resubmit both nominees as we had done previously.

2. I then explained the problem of fully putting forward the various contributions that Mr. Helms had made to foreign affairs and international relations because of the covert and clandestine nature of CIA activities in this field and because of the anonymity within which the Clandestine Services operated.

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Since as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board he is thoroughly witting of Agency activities, I asked his assistance in explaining to the members of the Selection Committee, within his judgments of the limits of security, the activities in which Mr. Helms and his Plans Directorate engaged. I then enumerated the various activities and successes attained as contained in Mr. [REDACTED] memorandum of 29 March to me (attached). Mr. Murphy assured me that he would be happy to discuss this matter in detail at the next meeting of the Selection Committee and would make sure that the members of the Committee had a clear understanding of just why we were nominating Mr. Helms and of his activities over the years.

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3. ACTION

DD/S: I would like to resubmit both Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Helms for the Rockefeller Foundation Public Service Award for 1965. Please take appropriate action accordingly.

1st MSC
Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

MSC:blp

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